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- 1. YAR CHIEF OF STAFF GHASHMI NOW PLANNING TO BE IN SAUDI ARABIA WHILE PRESIDENT HAMDI ON TOUR. (HAMDI LEAVES THURSDAY 21 AUG.) GHASHMI SAYS HE WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH PRESIDENT HAMDI IN SAUDI ARABIA AT END OF LATTER'S TOUR, WHICH MEANS HAMDI HAS ADDED YET ANOTHER STOP TO HIS ITINERARY (SEE REFTELS). HAMDI WILL OBSDRVE MANEUVERS WHICH SAUDI MILITARY PLANNING FOR THAT PERIOD.
- 2. GHASHMI SAID AGAIN TODAY, AS HE HAS MANY TIMES BEFORE, THAT SAUDI AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW YAR TO "THROW OUT" THE RUSSIANS. GHASHMI SAYS THIS WITH VEHEMENCE.
- 3. GHASHMI MENTIONED THE FMS JEEPS IN OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING THREE TIMES. (THIS IS ABOUT AVERAGE.) I ASSURED HIM THEY WERE ON THE HIGH SEAS, EXPECTED IN YEMEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. HE KEEPS REPEATING THEY MUST BE IN THE SEPTEMBER 26TH MILITARY PARADE.
- 4. COMMENT. HAMDI'S PRESENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA WILL OBVIOUSLY ADD SOMETHING TO THE YAR PETITION FOR SAUDI WEAPONS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BUY US AND OTHER MODERN ARMS. IF TALKS WITH SAUDIS WORK

OUT AS YEMENIS HOPE, AND JEEPS CAN BE DISPLAYED ON SEPTEMBER
26 WITH MOUNTED 106 RECOILLESS RIFLES (WHICH HAVE LONG SINCE
BEEN DELIVERED), YAR LEADERS MAY FEEL THEY ARE IN POSITION
TO CUT BACK HARD ON 115 MAN SOVIET MISSIONEVEN ELIMINATE IT.
AS ALMOST NO RPT NO SPARES ARE COMING IN FROM SOVIETS NOW,
YAR HAS LITTLE TO LOSE.
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